

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed July 20, 2009, claims 1 and 7-9 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sodemann et al. (7,148,580). In response applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include as a limitation that the voltage source is integrated and that it “can be plugged to or in or into a housing (10) of the hand held work machine (100).” The addition of this limitation by amendment distinguishes the pending claims from the cited prior art.

Specifically, the Sodemann reference is directed to an energy source that can be used to start up a generator or other type of outdoor power equipment. Sodemann is not directed to a hand-held work machine. The energy source in Sodemann is itself a hand-held machine that must be carried around and/or transported separately from the generator or other type of outdoor power equipment which it powers according to Sodemann. In contrast, the voltage source of the claimed invention is integrated with the hand-held machine such that the hand-held machine remains usable and transportable while the voltage source is plugged to or in or into the housing thereof. In addition, Sodemann does not feature an integrated power source. Such an integrated power source in the field of hand-held tools is not only new but also a significant aid for every person skilled in the art that works with a hand-held tool operated by a combustion engine. The integrated voltage source provides the power necessary to start the combustion engine which can at times be complicated without such an integrated voltage source. As used herein, integrated refers to a voltage source that is fitted with the hand-held work machine as an integral part thereof but is also exchangeable or replaceable with another integrated voltage source.

Further, the Office Action contends that Sodemann discloses that the supply voltage required during operation of the combustion engine is split into an ignition voltage and a control voltage. Nowhere does Sodemann disclose splitting the supply voltage into distinct ignition and control voltages. Further, the

Office Action contends that Sodemann discloses that the additional voltage source only supplies the required control voltage prior to the start of the engine. Again, nowhere in Sodemann is it suggested that the additional voltage source supplies only the required control voltage prior to the start of the engine.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance, notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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